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Question for discussion:

Whether the statement in U.S. Patent 5,899,998 that "[t]he presently preferred embodiment uses asynchronous modems to connect each POS station to a switching station. <u>Communications over these modems are encrypted to help protect the security of the system and to preserve the confidentiality of individual patient's medical information</u>," anticipates "encapsulation" as claimed in the pending application, such as in pending claim 29 that separately mentions encryption and encapsulation as being independent method steps:

> 29.   A method for transferring electronic medical record data comprising:
> encapsulating an electronic medical record file so as to allow it <u>to be viewed and to prevent it from being modified</u>;
> encrypting the encapsulated electronic medical record file;
> transmitting the encrypted encapsulated electronic medical record file to a remote location;
> decrypting the encrypted encapsulated electronic medical record file at the remote location; and
> generating a user-readable display using the encapsulated electronic medical record file.

difference between

encapsulation vs encryption

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encryption - encoding data to prevent unauthorized access
during transmission of data.

encapsulation - prevent data from being manipulated but accessed
by authorized users.